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This request for reconsideration is made in response to a Final Office Action dated  
November 4, 2003, in which the following rejection was made:

Claims 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over  
Watanabe et al. (02085543) in view of Hamaekers (U.S. Patent 5,966,996).

Claims 8 and 9 are currently pending in the application.